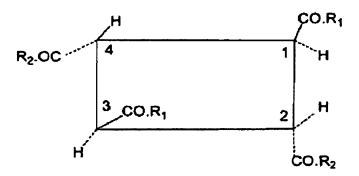
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.-12. (Canceled)

- 13. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 20 wherein the carbonyl groups carrying the radicals R_1 and R_2 are arranged as substituents in the trans position to each adjacent substituent.
- 14. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 20 wherein the oligomer of formula (I) is represented by formula (II)



15. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 20 wherein the oligomer of formula (I) is represented by formula (III)

16.-19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical preparation comprising an oligomer of formula (I)

$$\begin{pmatrix} co.R_1 \\ - Hc - c \\ H \end{pmatrix}_{\Pi}$$

$$R_2.OC$$

wherein

n is 2 or 3, R_1 is hydroxyl, R_2 is an alcohol radical (-OR5), and R_5 is a $C_{1\text{-}24}$ alkyl radical; or

n is 3, R_1 is hydroxyl, R_2 is an amine radical (-NR₃R₄) wherein R_3 and R_4 are the same or different and are independently chosen from hydrogen, C_{1-24} alkyl radicals, a phenyl radical and C_{6-10} aralkyl radicals; or

n is 2 or 3, R_1 and R_2 are independently chosen from amine radicals (-NR₃R₄) wherein R_3 and R_4 are the same or different and are independently chosen from hydrogen, C_{1-24} alkyl radicals, a phenyl radical and C_{6-10} aralkyl radicals; or

n is 2 or 3, R_1 is an alcohol radical (-OR₅), R_5 is a C_{1-24} alkyl radical, and R_2 is an amine radical (-NR₃R₄) wherein R_3 and R_4 are the same or different and are independently chosen from hydrogen, C_{1-24} alkyl radicals, a phenyl radical and C_{6-10} aralkyl radicals, or

n is 2 or 3, R_1 and R_2 are independently chosen from alcohol radicals (-OR₅), wherein R_5 is a C_{1-24} alkyl radical and wherein R_1 and R_2 are different

and at least one excipient.

- 21. (Original) A pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 20, said pharmaceutical preparation being available in a form suitable for oral, rectal, transdermal, dermal, ophthalmological, nasal, pulmonary or parenteral application.
- 22. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 20, said pharmaceutical preparation being present in the form of tablets, coated tablets, capsules, granulate, solutions for drinking, liposomes, nano-particles, nano-capsules, micro-capsules, micro-tablets, pellets, powders, granulate filled in capsules, micro-tablets filled in capsules, pellets filled in capsules or powder filled in capsules.

- 23. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 22, said pharmaceutical preparation being present in the form of nano-particles, micro-pellets or micro-tablets.
- 24. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 22 wherein the solid oral dosage forms further comprise an enteric coating.
- 25. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical preparation according to any of the claims 20 to 24 which contains an amount of an oligomer corresponding to 10 to 500 mg of fumaric acid.
- 26. (Previously presented) A method for preparing a pharmaceutical preparation comprising admixing an oligomer of formula (I)

$$\begin{pmatrix} CO.R_1 \\ -C. \\ -C. \\ -C. \end{pmatrix}_{n}$$

wherein

n is 2 or 3, R_1 is hydroxyl, R_2 is an alcohol radical (-OR₅), and R_5 is a C_{1-24} alkyl radical; or

n is 3, R_1 is hydroxyl, R_2 is an amine radical (-NR₃R₄) wherein R_3 and R_4 are the same or different and are independently chosen from hydrogen, C_{1-24} alkyl radicals, a phenyl radical and C_{6-10} aralkyl radicals; or

n is 2 or 3, R_1 and R_2 are independently chosen from amine radicals (-NR₃R₄) wherein R_3 and R_4 are the same or different and are independently chosen from hydrogen, C_{1-24} alkyl radicals, a phenyl radical and C_{6-10} aralkyl radicals; or

n is 2 or 3, R_1 is an alcohol radical (-OR₅), R_5 is a C_{1-24} alkyl radical, and R_2 is an amine radical (-NR₃R₄) wherein R_3 and R_4 are the same or different and are independently chosen from hydrogen, C_{1-24} alkyl radicals, a phenyl radical and C_{6-10} aralkyl radicals, or

n is 2 or 3, R_1 and R_2 are independently chosen from alcohol radicals (-OR₅), wherein R_5 is a C_{1-24} alkyl radical and wherein R_1 and R_2 are different

with at least one excipient.

27-29. (Canceled)

- 30. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 23, wherein said nano-particles, micro-pellets or micro-tablets are filled in sachets or capsules.
- 31. (Previously presented) A method for preparing a pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 26 further comprising subjecting the admixture to tabletting, direct compression, melt methods, or spray drying to form tablets, granulates, nano-particles, nano-capsules, micro-capsules, micro-tablets, pellets, or powders.

- 32. (Previously presented) A method for preparing a pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 31, wherein said tablets, granulates, nano-particles, nano-capsules, micro-capsules, micro-tablets, pellets, or powders are enterically coated.
- 33. (Previously presented) A method for preparing a pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 31, wherein said nano-particles, nano-capsules, micro-capsules, micro-tablets, pellets, or powders are put into capsules.
- 34. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 20.

A pharmaceutical preparation comprising an oligomer of formula (I)

wherein n is 2 or 3, R_1 is hydroxyl, R_2 is an alcohol radical (- OR_5), and R_5 is a C_{1-24} alkyl radical.

and at least one excipient.

35. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 20,

A pharmaceutical preparation comprising an oligomer of formula (I)

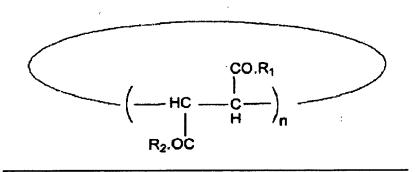
$$\begin{pmatrix}
CO.R_1 \\
-HC -C \\
H
\end{pmatrix}_{n}$$

$$R_2.OC$$

wherein n is 3, R_1 is hydroxyl, R_2 is an amine radical (-NR₃R₄), and at least one excipient.

36. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 20.

A pharmaceutical preparation comprising an oligomer of formula (I)



wherein n is 2 or 3, R_1 and R_2 are independently chosen from amine radicals $(-NR_3R_4)_{\underline{.}}$

and at least one excipient.

37. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 20,

A pharmaceutical preparation comprising an oligomer of formula (I)

wherein n is 2 or 3, R_1 is an alcohol radical (-OR₅), R_5 is a C_{1-24} alkyl radical, and R_2 is an amine radical (-NR₃R₄),

and at least one excipient.